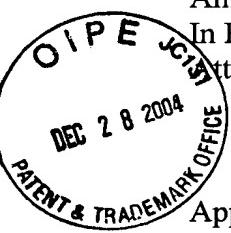


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 24, 2004, Applicants submit the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claim are reflected in the listing of the claim which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 4 of this paper.

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